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John Minge, "M. D.," son of John, ——— David, died at Hillmans, Charles City Co., Va., Jany 23d, 1871; aged 75 years. Buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

Mary Griffins, his wife, died at Hillmans, June 24th, 1869, and is buried beside her husband.

Margaret Adams, wife of R. A. Wilkins, died in Birmingham, Ala., Jany 1st, 1895. Her husband, R. A. Wilkins, died in Selma, Ala., April 27th, 1877, and both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Selma, Ala.

Issue of R. A. Wilkins and Margaret Adams Minge:

Born 1848, John Douglas, now Asst. P. M., Mobile, Ala.

Born 1849, Richard Augustin, now Faunsdale, Ala.

Born 1850, Minge, now Selma, Ala.

Born 1852, Sally Harrison (Mrs. S. P. Fowlkes), now Birmingham, Ala.

Born 1854, Herbert Claiborne, now Washington, D. C.

Born 1856, Benjamin Harrison, now Tullahoma, Tenn.

Born 1858, George Adams, *dead*, Selma, Ala.

Born 1860, Harry Voorhees, now Tullahoma, Tenn.

Born 1862, Mary Griffin (Mrs. Jno. Erwin), now Greensboro, Ala.

Born 1863, Joseph Gregory, now Selma, Ala.

GENEALOGY OF THE TRIPLETT FAMILY.

By Reverend Arnold Harris Hord.

It is stated by Judge George W. Triplett, of Owensboro, Ky., in genealogical notes which he left at his death, and also by John R. Triplett, Esq., of St. Louis, Mo., that this family was descended from the Rev. Doctor *Thomas Triplett*, who was rector of Woodhorn, Whitburn and *Washington*, successively, Prebendary of York, Salisbury and Durham, and sub-dean of Westminster Abbey at the time of his death. Dr. Triplett was a *Royalist*, and was deprived of his living during the time of the

Commonwealth. His will was proved August 12, 1670, but he does not mention in it any children. His residuary legatees were his sister, Mrs. Katharine Warne and her three children (see Chester's "Memorials of Westminster Abbey," page 172). The immigrant ancestor of the Triplett family of Virginia was probably a relative of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Triplett. It is not without significance that the eldest son of the immigrant bore the name of *Thomas*. When Dr. Triplett matriculated at Oxford University, May 16, 1620, he is described as "of London and the son of a *gentleman*." But the historian Anthony Wood states that he was "born in the vicinity of Oxford." The earliest known ancestor of the family in Virginia was *Francis Triplett*.

"The Triplett family came from Devonshire, England, originally, near the junction of Plymouth and the Tamar River which divides Devonshire from Cornwall. They moved from Devonshire to London and Oxford." (See a letter from Mr. Stanard Warne in the "Warne Genealogy," pages 42, 43, by the Reverend Georg Warne Labaw.)

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Triplett in his will mentions besides his sister, Mrs. Katharine Warne and her three children, Christopher Triplett of Hampton House, County of Oxon; Richard Triplett, brother of Christopher and Elizabeth his wife; Cousin Sydney Triplett, the son of Paul Triplett of Hampton, and his cousin, Ralph Triplett. (See an abstract of his will in the Warne Genealogy.)

In Westcott's "Devonshire Families," page 593, John Triplett, of Cornwall, married Joan, daughter of William Yeo. The same volume contains also the genealogy of the Yeo family carried back to a very early date. The connection of the Triplett family with the Yeo family probably explains the emigration of the Triplett family to Virginia. The Yeo family was very prominent in Virginia (see Bruce's "Social Life of Virginia in the 17th Century;" *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. VII, page 194, and the WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY MAGAZINE, Vol. IX, page 125).

The emigration of the Yeo family to Virginia may have led the Triplett family to follow them. Francis Triplett, the emigrant, was doubtless a descendant of John Triplett, who married Joan Yeo.

Mr. Stanard Warne, in a letter to the Rev. A. A. Hord, mentions the arms of Triplett quartered with those of Yeo. Judge George W. Triplett, in his genealogical notes, speaks of the coat-of-arms of the Triplett family of Virginia, and says that a painting representing these arms was owned by a member of the family who carried it to Mississippi before the Civil War, where it was probably destroyed in the war.

As has already been stated, the first member of this family in Virginia was Francis Triplett.

FIRST GENERATION.

1. FRANCIS TRIPLETT. He patented 1,050 acres of land in old Rappahannock county in 1666 ("Virginia County Records," Vol. VI, page 194, by Crozier). He is mentioned in Deeds (see *Virginia Magazine,* Vol. XVII, page 144). His will is dated Nov. 20th, 1700, and was proved in Richmond county, March 4th, 1701. He mentions his children and grandchildren, disposes of the plantation on which he lived, containing 200 acres, another tract of 1,050 acres, and several smaller tracts. He mentions his wife, Abigail. His children mentioned in his will are as follows:

SECOND GENERATION.

(2.) Thomas Triplett.

(3.) William Triplett.

(4.) Francis Triplett (descendants unknown).

(5.) Eliza Triplett (not mentioned in the will of Francis Triplett, but believed to have been his daughter. The grounds for this belief are given under "Eliza Triplett (5)" in the following record.

THIRD GENERATION.

2. THOMAS[2] TRIPLETT (Francis[1]) was dead at the time when his father's will was made, but he is called in the will "eldest son." The names of his children mentioned in the will are Thomas and Francis. These sons seem to have moved to Prince William county. The records of that county having suffered much during the war, documentary evidence on this point cannot be found. I have personally examined the court records of Prince William county, but without success.

(6.) Thomas Triplett—Prince William county; there is the Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Triplett, dated June 24th, 1737, in Prince William county.

(7.) Francis Triplett—Prince William county; was a voter in Prince William county in 1741, and subsequently a resident and voter in Fairfax county, 1744. He left many descendants, who are mentioned later in this record.

3. WILLIAM[2] TRIPLETT (Francis[1]) was a resident of King George county after it was taken out of Richmond county. In the "Order Book" of King George county, 1721-35, pages 6 and 7, his name is mentioned in the year 1721: "In pursuance to an order of last Court, Cornelius Edmunds, William Triplett and Thomas Brook are authorized and appointed to lay off and value land." The book containing the will of William Triplett in King George county, has been lost, but there is a reference in the Records of the Clerk's office to his will which was proved December 3d, 1738. In the will of Susannah Brice, a widow, dated Nov. 24th, 1724, and proved in Essex county, Jan. 19th, 1724, she speaks of "my brothers John Miller and William Triplett." William Triplett was brother-in-law of Susannah Brice, and married her sister, Isabella, who was the daughter of Captain Symon Miller, whose will was proved in old Rappahannock county, May 2nd, 1684, and who mentions his children Simon Miller, John Miller, William Miller, Susannah Miller, who married ——— Brice, of Essex county, Margaret Miller and Isabella Miller, who

married William Triplett. Of these children John Miller lived in Essex county, and Simon Miller, Jr., in Essex county and subsequently in Richmond county, his will having been proved in Richmond county, May 4th, 1720, in which he mentions son Simon, later of Culpeper county, Eleanor Miller, who married Mr. Elliston, and Jane Miller, who married "Thomas[2] Hord, Gentleman" (son of John[1]). Captain Symon Miller, the father, was a noted shipbuilder in Colonial times and a large land owner. There is a mention of him in Bruce's "Economic History of Virginia," Vol. II, page 439. All of Captain Symon Miller's children were under fourteen years of age at the time of his death, and his daughter, Isabella (Miller) Triplett, did not die until about 1759. Her will, dated April 17th, 1758, was proved in King George county, March 6th, 1760, and she mentions in it her son John Triplett, her married daughters and her grandchildren. The issue of William and Isabella (Miller) Triplett were:

(8.) John Triplett, who is mentioned in the records of King George county as a son of William Triplett. An account of him and his family will be given later.

(9.) Francis Triplett also stated in the records of King George county to have been the son of William Triplett.

(10.) Daniel Triplett is believed to have been another son of William Triplett, as Susannah Brice, sister of Isabella Triplett bequeaths her land to her "godson and cousin, Daniel Triplett." "Cousin" at that time was a term frequently applied to any relative more remote than a brother or a sister. (See Worcester's Dictionary.)

(11.) William Triplett is believed to have been another son of William Triplett. His name suggests this, as does also a deed in which he is described as of "Brunswick Parish—King George county," which was the residence of William Triplett (3).

(12.) Elizabeth Triplett married Mr. James, and is mentioned in the will of her mother, Isabella Triplett.

(13.) Mrs. Nichols (see Isabella Triplett's will).

Grandchildren mentioned in Isabella Triplett's will were:

(14.) John Nichols.

(15.) Isabella Nichols.

(16.) Mary Nichols.

(17.) Susannah Triplett.

The witnesses to the will of Isabella Triplett are James Triplett are James Triplett and John Jett (probably John Jett (20) of this genealogy).

5. ELIZA[2] TRIPLETT (?) (Francis[1]). In the will of Francis[1] Triplett, of Richmond county, a bequest is made to "Francis Jett, son of John and Eliza Jett." In the will of John Jett, proved in Richmond county, Sept. 16th, 1710, he mentions his son Francis and also a daughter Abigail, which was the name of the wife of Francis[1] Triplett. The fact that John and Eliza Jett named two of their children for Francis Triplett and his wife, that one of these children was a legatee in the will of Francis[1] Triplett, and that we find many legal transactions between the Triplett and Jett families, suggests a strong probability that Eliza Jett was a daughter of Francis[1] and Abigail Triplett. The Jett family of King George county bore the arms of the Jett family of London (see "Virginia Heraldica" by Crozier, page 8). The children mentioned in the will of John Jett are:

(18.) Francis Jett, mentioned in the will of Francis Triplett, proved in Richmond county, March 4th, 1701.

(19.) Abigail Jett.

(20.) John Jett.

(21.) William Jett.

FOURTH GENERATION.

7. FRANCIS[3] TRIPLETT (Thomas,[2] Francis[1]) was a voter in Prince William county in 1741, and when Fairfax county was taken out of Prince William county, he was a resident and voter in Fairfax county in 1744 (see "Gleanings of Virginia History" by Boogher, pages 118, 119). The will of Francis Triplett, dated Oct. 4th, 1757, was proved in Fairfax county, Nov. 22d, 1758.

He mentions his wife Elizabeth and his children and grandchildren. His Inventory is dated Feb. 18th, 1759 (Will Book B, page 204, Fairfax county). The names of his children mentioned in his will are:

(22.) Thomas Triplett.

(23.) William Triplett.

(24.) Daniel Triplett. His descendants are not known, but he probably removed to Fauquier county, as his name occurs in the list of soldiers of Captain William Edmonds' company, Sept. 25th, 1761, which was recruited from Fauquier county (*Virginia Magazine*, Vol. VII, page 306).

(25.) Mason Triplett (descendants unknown).

(26.) John Triplett (descendants unknown).

(27.) Francis Triplett.

(28.) Margaret Triplett—William (?) Boylston.

(29.) Elizabeth Triplett.

(30.) Patty Triplett (descendants unknown).

8. JOHN[3] TRIPLETT (William,[2] Francis[1]). He is called a son of William (2) Triplett, of King George county in the records of the Clerk's office, King George county. John Triplett was a "Gentleman Justice" in King George county, March 3, 1743, and for many years (Order Books, King George county, 1721-35; 1735-51 and 1751-55). He was a vestryman of Hanover Parish, King George county, Dec., 7th, 1750, and for many years previously (see Bishop Meade's "Old Churches and Families of Virginia," Vol. II, page 186, and the Order Book of King George county, 1735-51). Aug., 1752, "John Triplett, Gentleman, is presented a commission by the Hon. Robert Dinwiddie, Lieut.-Governor, appointing him Captain of a Company of Horse in this County, and he took the oath to the crown." Sept., 1753, "John Triplett, Gentleman, is appointed by the Governor *Sheriff* of King George County" (Order Book, 1751-55, page 238). He was also Surveyor of Roads. His wife's name was probably Catherine ————, as there is a deed from "John Triplett of Hanover Parish, King George County, to John Jett of Washington Parish,

Westmoreland County," Sept. 4th, 1751, signed by John Triplett and Catherine Triplett. He also owned land in Orange county, as there is a deed recorded in the Clerk's office of that county, dated Oct. 2nd, 1743, from "John Triplett of Hanover Parish, King George County." John Triplett was a witness to the will of his brother, Francis Triplett (9) of King George County. Another witness to this will was John Triplett, Jr., probably son of John Triplett, Sr.

(31.) "John Triplett, Jr.," as he is described in the King George County records, was one of the "Gentlemen Justices" of that county May, 1767, and Oct., 1769 (Bond Book, 1765-89; Order Book, 1766-90).

"John Triplett and John Triplett Jr.," are mentioned July 2d, 1767, in the Order Book, 1766-90.

9. FRANCIS[3] TRIPLETT (William,[2] Francis[1]). In King George county records it is stated that he was son of William (3) Triplett of King George county. He may have been the "Francis Triplett, Mariner," who in 1720, was living in Washington Parish, Westmoreland county (see King George county records). He owned land in Westmoreland county which he mentioned in his will. Francis Triplett was constable of King George county June 2d, 1748; John and Francis Triplett were in court August, 1742. November 5th, 1740, "Mary Tutt of King George County leases land to Francis Triplett, Planter, of the same County" (Deed Book 2), Sept. 8th, 1760. "Maxamillian Robinson of Washington Parish, King George County, Gentleman, deeds 300 acres of land in King George and Westmoreland Counties to Francis Triplett of Hanover Parish, King George County." The witnesses to this deed are Simon Triplett, son of Francis Triplett (9), and John Triplett, brother of Francis Triplett (9). Francis Triplett mentions in his will this land bought from Maxamillian Robinson.

October 2nd, 1755, "Francis Triplett and Mildred, his wife, of Hanover Parish, King George County, deed 150 acres of land in Hanover Parish to John Dishman of said County." Witnesses,

Simon Triplett and John Jett. Francis Triplett's daughter Ann, married a Dishman. John Dishman in the above deed was probably her husband.

Francis Triplett was an appraiser of the estate of Matthew Allen, dec'd (Order Book 1751-55, page 129). Francis Triplett's will is dated April 7th, 1765, and proved in King George county March 5th, 1767. He mentions his wife Mildred Triplett and the following children:

(32.) Simon Triplett, moved to Loudoun county. Left descendants, who are mentioned below.

(33.) William Triplett inherited land by his father's will in King George and Westmoreland counties. Oct. 1st, 1757, "William Triplett and Elizabeth, his wife, of Westmoreland County," deed land (King George county records). He was probably the "William Triplett, Merchant," who was a partner of George Thornton near Fredericksburg, Va., and who in a deed dated Jan. 21, 1775, gives Thornton 300 acres of land in King George county (see Spotsylvania records). He was also the "Mr. Triplett" who is mentioned in the "Letters of Thomas Jett" printed in the WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, Vol. XVII, page 23. In the records of Fauquier county there is a deed dated Feb. 6th, 1764, from "Daniel Hogains and Ann, his wife, of Fauquier County, Hamilton Parish, to William Triplett of the Parish of Washington and County of Westmoreland."

(34.) Francis Triplett, like his brother Simon Triplett, moved to Loudoun county, Va. In King George county there is recorded a deed from "Francis Triplett and Elizabeth, his wife, of Loudon County, to William Triplett," Nov. 3d, 1769. He evidently married a second time, as there is on record in Fauquier county the following agreement: Nov. 20, 1812, "Marriage agreement of Elizabeth Smith of Fauquier County and Francis Triplett of Loudon County. The marriage of Francis Triplett and Elizabeth, relict of Enoch Smith, shortly to be solemnized. Francis Triplett and his heirs promise not to meddle with, take, claim or dispose of any part of the estate of Elizabeth Smith." She

was widow of Enoch Smith, whose will, dated Oct. 6th, 1802, mentions children, John, Elijah, Hedgman, Isham, Elias, Lucinda, and child unborn.

(35.) Reuben Triplett, like his two brothers, also moved to Loudoun county. In Fauquier county there is a deed dated Oct. 3d, 1791, from "William Scott and Jennett, his wife, to Reuben Triplett of Loudon County." He was a midshipman in the Virginia Navy during the Revolution and received bounty land for his services, 2,423 7/11 acres of land. Land Office Book, No. 3, pages 340, 341.)

(36.) Daniel Triplett.

(37.) Rachel Triplett, married ———— Butler.

(38.) Elizabeth Triplett.

(39.) Ann Triplett married John (?) Dishman.

11. WILLIAM[3] TRIPLETT (William,[2] Francis[1]) was, it is believed, a son of William Triplett (2) of King George county. He is described in several deeds as having been originally of King George county. His Christian name (William) also leads to the conclusion that he was son of William (2) Triplett of King George county. The book in which the latter's will was recorded has been destroyed, so the connection cannot be proved. I have personally examined the records of King George county. In Spotsylvania county there is a deed, dated Nov. 6th, 1733, from "Augustine Smith of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania, Gentleman, to Wm. Triplett of Brunswick Parish, King George County, Gentleman," for 515 acres of land. There is a deed in the Culpeper County Court, dated July 19, 1753, from a son of William[3] Triplett, namely, "John Triplett of Culpeper County to his brother Thomas Triplett," which refers to the above deed from Augustine Smith to William Triplett, and which also states that the land purchased by the latter (then in Culpeper county) was given by William Triplett to three of his sons, namely, John, Thomas, and Nathaniel, deceased at that date. This deed further states that William Triplett, the father, died in Prince William county, whither he had removed, and that his will was dated May 10th,

1748 (Culpeper County Deed Book A, page 528). This William Triplett was a vestryman of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper county, in 1741, but removed to Prince William county. There is a mention of him in Dr. Slaughter's "History of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County" (Part I, pages 8 and 10), in which he is called "Captain William Triplett." After his removal to Prince William county we find that he lived on an estate at the mouth of Quantico Creek. In a deed in Prince William county, dated Sept. 29th, 1747, "George Brent of Charles County, Maryland, conveys 500 acres of land to William Triplett of Prince William County, Gentleman." (Deed Book I, pages 222, 223.) In deeds in Prince William county it is stated that he had two sons, besides those resident in Culpeper county, namely, James Triplett and William Triplett (Prince William County Deeds, Deed Book X, page 351; Deed Book U, page 360-1; Deed Book Q, page 377; Deed Book I, page 383). William Triplett was probably a vestryman of Quantico Church, Prince William county, as Bishop Meade gives the name of Triplett among the vestrymen of that Parish ("Old Churches and Families of Virginia," Vol. II, page 215). His children were:

(40.) John Triplett of Culpeper county.

(41.) Thomas Triplett of Culpeper county.

(42.) Nathaniel Triplett, dead in 1753.

(43.) James Triplett of Prince William county.

(44.) William Triplett of Prince William county. In Prince William county there is a deed, dated April 14th, 1768, from "William Triplett of Prince William County," conveying 500 acres of land to William Carr, the said land having been bequeathed to William Triplett by his father, William Triplett, dec'd. (Deed Book I, page 583.)

(45.) Annie Triplett, who married Alexander Thom—, is believed to have been a daughter of William Triplett. (See "St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County," by Slaughter, Part II, page 84.)

(*To be Continued.*)